

Not Confident Hancho Kim Gave Cash on Hill—Witness

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Former Korean CIA agent S.K. Kim, the government's primary witness against Hancho Kim, has told a federal court jury here he had no confidence that the defendant ever gave any money to members of Congress.

S.K. Kim, who defected to the United States and lives under federal protection, testified he gave \$600,000 in KCIA funds to Hancho Kim, a Lanham, Md., businessman who is on trial charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States by plotting to interfere with the workings of Congress and of giving a false account of his activities to a grand jury.

About \$44,000 of the money S.K. Kim gave to Hancho Kim came from a \$100,000 check provided to the KCIA agent by Tongsun Park, according to S.K. Kim.

S.K. Kim today faces his third day of intense cross-examination by defense attorney David Povich whose strategy has been to go over the previous statements of the witness in a painstaking effort to detect changes or flaws in his story.

IN A GENERAL WAY, the former KCIA agent is adhering to the statements he made to the FBI when he defected and told his story of the alleged influence-peddling efforts of Hancho Kim. The two Kims are not related; Kim is a common Korean name.

"Hancho Kim expressed in many ways that he was giving money to congressmen," S.K. Kim testified yesterday. "He didn't single anyone in particular but from the beginning he claimed that he had established contact and made arrangements with congressmen. But I don't know when payments were made."

"(Hancho) Kim told me he had to help them during election campaigns. When certain congressmen lost their campaigns in 1974, Hancho Kim told me that even though the congressmen lost he still had to use them and help them economically."

Hancho Kim has denied that he received any money from S.K. Kim, that he ever paid off any congressmen or ever worked for the KCIA. Much of his defense has been that he is able to go freely to South Korea, while his accuser, S.K. Kim, has sought asylum here. The only member of Congress Hancho Kim knows, according to statements, is Rep. Tennyson Guyer, R-Ohio.

S.K. KIM HAS testified that the only concrete results he saw of Kim's work was a pro-Korean article in the Congressional Record and a copy of a letter from Kim to President Ford.

Povich asked S.K. Kim, "You don't believe there were any payments made to members of Congress?"

"I had no confidence that he gave the money," the witness said. "He spent money entertaining congressmen in a festive way, but there was no accounting of how it was spent. I was too low-ranking a guy to question Kim."

"Didn't you report to Seoul, did Hancho Kim report to Seoul, did anyone report to Seoul about this?" Povich asked.

S.K. Kim said this was one of his enigmas. He said he felt overwhelmed and pressured by the Hancho Kim affair and finally suggested to KCIA headquarters in Seoul that a Telex machine be installed in Kim's Prince Georges County home so Hancho Kim would make his own reports.